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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. [] Previously submitted

[] Please enter in the present application the unentered Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, with any attachments, filed on _____ in said prior application.

[] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or reply Brief previously filed on _____.

[] Other: _____.

b. [X] Enclosed

[X] An Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the prior application.

[] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

[X] Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

[X] Other Return Receipt Postcard.

2. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

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Total	*	- 20**	= 0	x 9	\$		x 18	\$
Indep.	*	- 3***	= 0	x 43	\$		x 86	\$
RCE fee				+385	\$		+ 770	\$770
Mult. Dep.			=	+ 145	\$		+ 290	\$
				TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$770

[] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim [MDC]

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3. [X] A check in the amount of \$770 is enclosed (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any extensions of time and to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-1910.

Respectfully submitted,

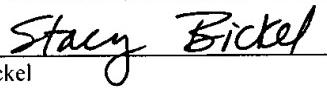

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